I have heard much about the proposed changes to broadcast ownership and I must protest. In recent years, local radio stations have gone from local ownership to national ownership, and quality has declined greatly, so much that I now listen almost exclusively to public radio and community radio. On the television airways,

one of our "local stations," WLBZ, is owned by the same company which owns WCSH, a station out of Portland. The news in the morning, noon and some of the evening is the Portland broadcast? with mostly Portland news. Do not allow for further consolidation of broadcast ownership - it will only decrease the quality of

the news and entertainment.